(b) whether it is a fact that Airport land measuring 30 acres has been under illegal occupation for the last 50 years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Airports Authority of India to reclaim the land and expedite the construction of hangars?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) At present, there are 7 hangars at Hyderabad airport. Tender has been invited for construction of hangars on Built Own and Transfer (BOT) basis.

(b) and (c) At Hyderabad airport, 97 acres of land belonging to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is under encroachment by about 5300 families. In April, 1994 the rehabilitation package of Rs.9.61 crores from State Government was approved by AAI. In May, 1994 AAI deposited Rs. 1.25 crores with State Government as first instalment towards its contribution of Rs.4.58 crores. In February, 1998, State Government sent a revised proposal with escalated cost estimate at a staggering Rs.42.74 crores. The total revised contribution from AAI as proposed by State Government was Rs. 17.74 crores. The State Government has been requested to reconsider the cost of rehabilitation. There is no immediate operational requirement of the said land, as Government has already approved the proposal of State Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of a new airport at Shamshabad with private sector participation.

Remedial Measures for Checking False Information of Explosives in Aircrafts

†3052. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that often unknown person give false information of explosives kept in the aircrafts thereby causing great deal of difficulty to the passengers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

effectively curb such incidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) and (c) To curb such incidents by mischievous elements, caller identification facilities have been installed on a large number of telephones of airport authorities, airlines and security agencies.

(d) Does not arise.

Expansion of IGI Airport

3053. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Gandhi International Airport handles a lot of International air traffic in the night;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action proposed to be taken to expand the terminal to cope with the increase in international passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 55% of all international passenger filights at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi operate in the night during the span of 8 hours from 10.00 P.M. to 6.00 A.M.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up works such as modification to international terminal for expansion of custom hall, customs offices, construction of Air India cubicles including air-conditioning etc. Tenders have been issued for false ceiling work and replacement of four conveyors. AAI has also planned for extension of visitors lounge of international terminal building at departure level to merge it with main terminal and construction of flyover.